

## **Bill Mcleod and the Canadian Revival**

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Prayer! We need prayer in the church!

In Revelations 5, Jesus is enthroned and praised as the Lamb who was slain. Thousands upon thousands and millions upon millions of angels worship Jesus.

It says also that the prayer of the saints rise like incense, a pleasing fragrance before God.

In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus asks his disciples, in particular, Peter, James and John to pray, but they fell asleep.

Wake up church! It is time to pray!

So, Bill Mcleod, the pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, in Western Canada, recalled the lead up to the revival and the actual revival itself. He said prayer. Prayer! We need prayer! He said they prayed 24/7. People signed up for 15 min slots throughout the clock and in his 175 member church, there would be 2-3 people praying at any moment of the day.

The people were lukewarm. But the pastor really stressed prayer meeting attendance, so it went from 5 to 25 to 50 to 75, up to 170 members out of the 175 members. They prayed for 5 years, every week. Then revival came.

The gospel spread throughout the region.

The thing about revival is that it isn't relegated to a particular church, or one church. True revival changes the society, it changes the region, it changes the city, it changes the nation and goes to distant nations.

- 1) People repented of sins
- 2) People made relationships right
- 3) They hungered for God
- 4) They were hungry for evangelism

It's all about prayer. The real work isn't cleaning the church, preparing meals, or English programs.

You could do all of that, but be meaningless work before God. Work that will be burned up with the test of fire.

The only work which lasts before God's fire, is prayer. Prayer will remain when all else burns away. We need prayer.